

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

ELIAS PENA, et al.

CASE NO. 3:21-cv-05411-DGE

Plaintiffs,

## MINUTE ORDER

V.

ISAIAH HUTSON,

Defendant.

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, United States District Judge David G. Estudillo:

On January 24, 2023, the Parties filed a stipulated motion and proposed order for referral to a settlement judge. (Dkt. No. 42.) Local Civil Rule 39.1(e) allows for judicial settlement conferences only in cases where the parties have participated in mediation but have been unable to reach a settlement, unless otherwise ordered by the court. LCR 39.1(e). Before the Court appoints a settlement judge, the Parties must first attempt mediation privately. Alternatively, the Parties may apply for pro-bono mediation through the Clerk's officer per Local Civil Rule

1 39.1(c)(4). Therefore, the Court DENIES the stipulated motion and proposed order for referral  
2 to a settlement judge. (Dkt. No. 42.)

3 Dated this 25th day of January, 2023.

4 The foregoing Minute Order authorized by THE HONORABLE DAVID G.  
5 ESTUDILLO, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE.

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